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Would you, my dear reader, deserve to be given the same sentence: go to Sunday school and attend church?



## News and Notes

**Tilley, Alberta, Can.,** Pastor Albert Rasmussen. On January 18, Bethany congregation held its annual business meeting. Harry Hendricksen, president, presided over the meeting. Reports from pastor and officers were read and adopted. The budget for the year (1955) was set at \$5217.00. It was decided that our Silver Anniversary Jubilee be held Aug. 12-14. A guest speaker is to be invited, also former pastors and all who have been confirmed at Bethany. The new slate of officers for the coming year are: Pres., Gordon Nielsen; vice president, Rasmus Skriver; secretary, Carl Hendricksen; treasurer, Ansgar Christensen; trustees, Viggo Andersen, Andrew Christensen, Erland Christiansen; S.S. supt., Mrs. Leo Skanderup; S.S. treas., Niels Hjorth.

A canvass was made for an electric organ and proved very successful. We hope to purchase one before too long. Then too, our choir has received a gift of twenty-five choir robes from Atonement Lutheran church, Chicago, Ill. We appreciate this kindness very much.

Three members of the Adult Instruction class, Mrs. C. O. Colbens, Mrs. P. Flatla and Mrs. L. Flatla were confirmed and received into membership of the church on Feb. 6. We pray God's blessing upon their lives and His guidance as they run life's race.

Our Ladies' Aid meets the first Thursday of each month. Our program for the year is centered around the book "The Woman Beautiful." Topics are presented by various members showing how true beauty comes from "letting the beauty of Jesus be seen in me," as the chorus so aptly expresses. Plans are being made for a Circuit W.M.S. Rally in May to which we will be host.

The Married Couples Club meets the last Friday evening of every month. Our program for this year "God's Pattern for the Home" urges us as husbands and wives to build our homes around Christ. This is presented as topics for discussion by one of the members. The membership is 24 and guest nights are planned when all young married couples in the district are invited.

**Selma, Calif.,** Rev. A. Husted-Christensen, pastor. Selma Sunday school teachers and their escorts numbered 19 in attendance at the annual rally of the San Joaquin Valley Sunday School Teachers' Association held at Bethel Lutheran church, Fresno, on Sunday, Feb. 13. Miss Ruth Jorgensen of San Francisco, executive director of the California League of Nurses, was the afternoon speaker. Her theme was "Love Is Not Enough—An Approach to Teaching." She illustrated her talk with a flannelgraph. An accordion solo and a group of songs by a children's choir completed the program. Rev. Christian Justesen, pastor of the host congregation, presided. The women of Bethel served supper at 5:30 o'clock, at which time a business meeting was also held. Clarence Petersen of Del Rey presided. A collection was taken for the "Forward with Christ" movement, and Iver Madsen, also of Del Rey, was elected to serve as president for two years. The 1956 meeting will be at the Grace Lutheran church in Fresno where Rev. B. J. Engskow is pastor.

### SIX NATIVES TO BE ORDAINED IN SUDAN

This letter is to inform you that six young men will be ordained into the holy ministry in our Sudan Mission next Sunday, February 27. Pastor A. Pilgaard Petersen, the superintendent of the mission, will ordain these men.

The thought came to me that it would be well if our pastors made an announcement of this ordination from the pulpit on that day, and prayed God for His blessing on these young men as they are consecrated to this new office in the church.

God has promised to answer prayer. "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We covet your prayers for all our foreign mission work. At this time we hope you will remember our young workers in the Sudan Mission.

The young men are Martin Malau, Bonatem, Akila Todi, Dishon, Simon Chada'a, Lenos Amadu.

At this time I wish to thank all of our pastors for whatever you have done for the cause of foreign missions. God has richly blessed our missionaries. Mission friends have helped in many ways in securing the needed funds for this work. Without this help our work could not be carried on. The

### REMINDERS FOR LENT

1. Attend the special services in your church.
2. Read the story of Christ's suffering during Lent.
3. Take a friend along to church during Lent.
4. Give your pastor the name of some unchurched family.
5. Give a special sacrificial gift to the kingdom of God during Lent.

Board of Foreign Missions is relying upon you for this coming year's support. May God add His blessing to you and to your work in the congregation you serve.—N. B. Hansen.

**Minneapolis, Minn.** Immanuel Lutheran Church. At the annual meeting of the congregation, Mr. Wm. V. Stocken was re-elected president. Two new trustees, Mr. John Grindberg and Mr. Kenneth Peterson, and one new deacon, Mr. B. B. Rasmussen, were elected. The entire church council was installed by Pastor K. M. Mathiesen at the morning worship service, January 23.

A junior choir has been organized recently under the direction of Dick Beckman, who also directs the senior choir. A committee of women of the church are making gowns for the children. Their singing adds much to our services.

**Coulter, Iowa.** Our annual meeting was held January 31st. The congregation decided to have groundbreaking ceremonies in conjunction with our spring mission meetings if at all possible.

The building committee reported they were ready to let contracts for construction of our new church. We hope to be underway as soon as weather permits.

The congregation has been able to acquire a full time senior choir director. We have a Junior Choir director also.

Two marriages were solemnized in January. Robert Borcharding of Latimer and Marlys Stover of Dows now residing in Des Moines. Shirley Johansen of Coulter became the bride.

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# Editorials and Comments

## LUTHERAN COLLEGES REPORT OVER 25,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED

We have just read that Dana College reports 237 students enrolled for the second semester. This made us think of the general Lutheran situation with respect to Lutheran colleges in the United States and Canada. This is the report of the National Lutheran Educational Conference by Dr. Gould Wickey. He reports more than 25,000 students enrolled in 31 Lutheran four-year colleges in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Wickey also disclosed that 3,353 students are enrolled in the 23 out of 24 theological seminaries that reported, including 156 students from non-Lutheran denominations, and eighteen women. Of the latter, 13 are in special courses, three are seniors, one a junior, and one a post graduate.

The grand total enrollment in all schools, according to Dr. Wickey, is 39,126, with 1,939 students in 19 junior colleges and 8,039 students in the 18 high schools and school departments that reported. Of this number, 15,072 are men and 15,353 are women.

In the senior colleges, the number of full-time students was reported as 22,614, and the part-time number as 3,181, for a total of 25,795. Of these, 15,072 are men and 10,723 are women. Included is the enrollment in graduate, evening and extension schools.

Lutheran students in the four-year colleges total 15,353, or 63 per cent of the enrollment, which includes 1,625 Methodists, 1,625 Roman Catholics, 1,242 Presbyterians, 918 Baptists, 560 Episcopalians, 520 Jews, 390 Lutherans, 376 Congregational Christians, and 61 Disciples. Members of other denominations total 1,001, and 502 gave no church affiliation.

Not included in these figures are 1,566 students at Lutheran colleges did not include their evening and extension students when reporting denominational affiliation.) The seminary enrollment of 3,353 students includes 2,870 regular students and 287 doing post graduate work, as reported indicated.

More than one-third of the seminarians, or 1,178, are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The American Lutheran Church has 746, Evangelical Lutheran Church 400, American Lutheran Church 394, Augustana Lutheran Church 261, Wisconsin Synod 132, Lutheran Church 35, United Evangelical Lutheran Church 35, Norwegian Synod and Suomi Synod nine each, and American Evangelical Lutheran Church one, with members from other denominations.

The above report should make us all rejoice. No one can estimate the blessings that may come to students who spend some years on a Lutheran campus.

### "A LABORING MAN'S CHURCH"

We believe that the church should be for all people. There is always the danger that the church may go to a class. We are therefore happy to print the following story which needs no commentary by us.

Luther Memorial church in South St. Paul, Minn., has acquired quite a reputation as a laboring man's church, serving workers from the city's packing plants. One of the pastors, the Rev. Theodore Kurtz, is well known as an effective "labor pastor," but he doesn't fit the stereotype for the role. He is no fierce champion

of the rights of labor unions, periodically issuing public statements. He isn't even a member of a religion and labor committee.

As a matter of fact, the program at Luther Memorial is not at all unusual. This is simply a church where the Gospel is preached and where the pastors understand the people of the congregation.

When Mr. Kurtz arrived in South St. Paul ten years ago to serve the (then) St. Paulus Lutheran church, he found a group of packing house workers of German extraction, most of them clinging to the church only because of cultural interest. The young people, feeling that Christianity was not relevant to their industrial society, were leaving the church.

The people were not poor, but they were restless. Some basic needs were not being met. The new pastor set about the task of analyzing this restlessness. His analysis is contained in his book "Not by Bread Alone," soon to be published by the Muhlenberg Press.

1) He noted the workingman's feeling of insecurity. He writes: "Many modern unions prove themselves perfectly capable of solving economic aspects of this problem . . . but unions will never solve the spiritual aspects of it without the Church; for it is only in the fellowship of believers that man can find real fellowship with God, and no man will find spiritual security so long as he lives in estrangement from God."

2) He found that assembly-line workers who spend their days cutting off pigs' tails or watching a machine stuff sausages find their creative urge left ungratified. Therefore he sought to interest his members in hobby groups and recreation.

3) He saw that workingmen need to serve creatively, working on behalf of others. Sunday school work, choir singing, service on the church council help to satisfy this need.

4) He observed that the workingman has a desire to achieve status. A man who feels that he is just a packing-house worker is constantly reminded at Luther Memorial that he is a child of God. He is given a sense of belonging.

Thus we see that no special techniques are used to reach these workers; but the basic message of the Gospel is directed to their everyday needs.

Luther Memorial is the new name given to the church since the merger about a year ago of the old St. Paulus church (an ALC congregation) and Trinity church (affiliated with the ELC). The Rev. Opie Rindahl has come from a large ELC congregation in Bismarck, N.D., to serve as co-pastor with Mr. Kurtz. The merger was effected, not to save money but to serve the community more effectively.

That merger in itself is an encouraging sign that walls of exclusiveness are beginning to give way in the Lutheran Church. Members of St. Paulus had generally been of German extraction, while Trinity members were of Scandinavian background, a factor which caused so much division in the days when foreign languages were used in America's Lutheran churches.

What is even more significant, Trinity's members have traditionally been white-collar workers while St. Paulus has served the packinghouse laborers. Can the two groups work effectively together? Nothing has happened in the first months of the merged church to indicate that they can't. Merger negotiations were friendly, with very few members withdrawing from the new church; and since that time the people have worshipped and worked together in a warmly Christian spirit.



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## THE SILENT LIPS

By Dr. Ethan Mengers



*But Jesus was silent.* Matt. 26:63.

The scene is the trial before the Jewish Sanhedrin held during the night following Gethsemane. False, conflicting and violent accusations were directed against the Savior. Over against these He remained silent.

This silence was so striking and meaningful that the sacred writers report it with care. When Jesus was brought before Pilate and there accused by the chief priests this silence is again noted. "And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Heardest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he gave him no answer, not even one word: insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly," Matt. 27:12-14. John likewise reports that Jesus at one point gave Pilate no answer. (John 19:9.)

This majestic silence was continued during the passion when the rabble made sport of Him, and struck Him, and spat upon Him. And hanging on the cross He heard the taunts of the rulers and the cruel passers-by, but said nothing in answer to them. "When he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree," I Peter 2:23-24a.

At other times during the passion He spoke. When the high priest, clothed with official authority under the law of Moses, asked Him to answer under oath whether He was the Christ, the Son of God, He answered him, and bore testimony to the truth. This was because He submitted Himself fully to the law, and kept it in our place. Likewise He gave answer to Pilate's question, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" (Matt. 26:63-64 and 27:11). On the cross He spoke with the Father, and uttered words of love and salvation to men. But these moments when gracious words flowed from His lips were interspersed with long hours when the only sounds to be heard were the raucous taunts of the mob, the cursing of the wicked, or, perhaps the quiet sobs of His mother and His friends.

There is no weakness, no confusion, in this silence of our Lord.

The Preacher has said that there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak," Eccl. 3:7b. Jesus knew the time for each. When it was the right time to speak He had spoken. Fearlessly He had spoken out against hypocrisy, unbelief, and wrong. Never was He silent when a word from Him might warn the wayfarer against the road to destruction, or point him to the way of life. Multitudes had listened with rapt attention as He expounded the Kingdom of Heaven, with parables of simplicity and beauty that have never been excelled. "Never man spake as this man," said his enemies. "The words that I speak unto you are spirit and are life."

The words He spoke were words of power. Demons quailed before Him and departed from their victims. Enemies were silenced by His truth. At His command sickness gave way, and life and health took its place. His words stirred new hope in human hearts, and led men up to a new life. In every situation that required a redeeming word He opened His mouth, and His words set things right. His words dispelled ignorance, comforted the sorrowing, removed the burdens from the heavy and brought life and joy to all who believed. Even the dead came forth from the tomb at His command, the winds and the sea obeyed His voice.

But now He is silent.

This silence is eloquent. It speaks. It proclaims here is One who has complete control over His speech. One who never utters a sinful word. Here is One who can endure the bitterest injustice and torment, and never open His mouth in anger or in sin. Let him hurl its most envenomed darts, the strength of His silence is not broken.

This silence reveals His perfect submission to Father's will, and to the divine plan of redemption. The accusations brought against Him, and the hatred and persecution He endured constitute the greatest injustice of all time. Yet it was His Father's will, and the Divine Counsel, that He should endure it. His silence shows perfect submission of His will to this plan. "He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth," Isa. 53:7.

In all eternity we cannot praise Him enough because He was strong enough to be silent, strong enough to complete our redemption.

There is an example for us in the silence with which He faced injustice. And how we need to learn of Him. How little it takes before we speak with impatience, anger and selfishness! How few are the times when we are able to maintain the dignified silence of self-controlled, unselfish love, and submission to God's will! At times when we ought to speak boldly we are silent through our weakness. And at times when we ought to be silent we say that for which we are later sorry.

We need to look unto Jesus. "For consider him who hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls." Hebr. 12:3. Even when we are dealt with unjustly without the kindness and understanding we would like, it remains our duty to be patient. Only so can we follow in His steps. Christians are in this world to live a better life, a nobler life, even when it costs something.

"For hereunto were ye called: because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously," I Pet. 2:21



## CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

### Acquires Ancient Bible Scrolls

Jerusalem—Israel has acquired the missing four "Dead Sea scrolls," the most known Bible manuscripts, of which were found in a cave near Jericho in 1947. Prime Minister Moshe Sharett announced here.

They were purchased, reportedly for more than \$250,000, from Metropolitan Athanasius Yeshue Samuel of the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St. Mark in Damascus.

The four scrolls are the oldest-known manuscript of the Book of Isaiah; a commentary on the Old Testament; the Book of Habbakuk; a book called "The Manual of Discipline" containing regulations of the Essenes, an ascetic sect who lived about the time of Christ; and the Book of Lamech—a pseudepigraphical work whose existence was referred to in several ancient texts.

The other three scrolls were bought, only a few days after their discovery, for the Hebrew University here by the late Dr. E. L. Sukenik, head of the university's archeological department, who had dated them as of the period preceding the destruction of the Second Temple about 70 A.D.

Sharett said all seven will be placed in perpetual trust in Jerusalem and be accessible to the public. Their custodian will be a new department established by the Israeli government, headed by Hekhal Hassefer (Shrine of the Holy Spirit), which plans also to collect other manuscripts and documents related to the Bible and house them in new buildings being erected at the Hebrew University.

The scrolls were discovered by Bedouin shepherds in tall, cylindrical caves in a Judean wilderness cave near the northwestern end of the Dead Sea. They were sold to Metropolitan Athanasius and another member of the Syrian Jacobite community here.

The purchase of the four by Israel was made possible by the American Fund for Israel Institutions and the S. D. R. H. Gottesman Foundation of New York.

The three previously acquired by the Hebrew University are:

A Hebrew book named "The War of the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness," which is the story of a war of the Jews against the Moabites, Ammonites, Philistines and other neighboring peoples.

An incomplete version of the Book of Isaiah.

A book called "Scroll of Thanksgiving," which is similar in style to the Psalms of David.

Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of Hebrew University, said that with the acquisition of the seven scrolls "we now have the greatest historical treasure in the world."

### Thousand Phone Calls Build Church for Young Couples

Westwood, Mass.—One thousand telephone calls are held largely responsible for 300 young married couples here realizing a long-cherished hope—a church of their own.

The young people, mostly war veterans and their wives who settled in this fast-growing community, wanted their children to have a church so they could get a religious education without having to go to nearby towns.

The Rev. Herbert Johnson, an Episcopalian of New Bedford, met with the couples and a plan of action was set in motion.

A thousand phone calls were made, and an equal number of circulars mailed, asking for pledges. The drive resulted in \$50,000 being pledged in two months.

So a fine new church—St. John's Episcopal—is now being built. There will be a wing on the building for a Sunday school and classrooms.

Until the church is finished the members attend services in the gymnasium of a school across the street.

### Soviet Zone Government Approves Atheism Program

Berlin—East German Communist government leaders have approved a program to promote materialism and atheism among young people this year.

The program, adopted by the Ministers' Council of the Soviet Zone, calls for more lectures and discussion groups at youth centers under the auspices of the "Society for the Spreading of Scientific Knowledge," an agency for furthering atheism.

The Council also announced the publication of some 90 "popular-scientific" booklets of a materialistic and atheistic character.

The government program is in line with a new anti-religion drive of the Communist Free German Youth organization intended "to provide youth

with a scientific picture of the world free of superstition and unscientific views."

Communist leaders also plan to step up their campaign to popularize youth dedication ceremonies. These atheistic counterparts of confirmation and first Communion rites have been denounced by both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church leaders.

Hans Joachim Laabs, Deputy Education Minister, announced that all costs of indoctrination gatherings preceding the youth dedication ceremonies will be paid by the State. Teachers who hold lectures in connection with these "preparatory gatherings" will receive "overtime" pay.

According to the Dedication Committee, the gatherings will include lectures and discussions on problems of life, nature and society "to strengthen the responsibility of youth for the interest and welfare of the State and to fight obsolete and reactionary ways of thinking by promoting progressive ideas."

### Brunner Sees Red Danger in Japan

Berkeley, Calif.—Dr. Emil Brunner, noted Swiss Protestant theologian, said here that Communism is "running rampant" among Japanese students and professors.

Dr. Brunner is presently a member of the faculty of the Japan International Christian University in Tokyo. He came here to give a series of lectures for the E. T. Earl Lectureship Foundation of the Pacific School of Religion.

The theologian said that democracy is in a dangerous position in Japan, but its followers "will probably win the elections in March."

"Democracy has little foundation in Japanese tradition," he said, "because of the short history of the Christian missionary in Japan."

Dr. Brunner said the Communists are engaged in a struggle for power with the Fascists to exploit nationalism for their own ends. He predicted that in the end they will win over their Fascist rivals because the latter do not have as well defined group organization.

He said the Christian spirit "became thin in the lives of the Japanese people when the so-called Christian universities in Japan became so large that they lost their Christian objectives and Christian life for students."

"Religious activity is about nil on most campuses in Japan—they are



very secularized," Dr. Brunner said. "Part of the problem stems from the need of large student bodies in order to secure funds for operation."

He also reported a strong anti-American feeling in Japan today and a pro-Red China sentiment.

"Part of this anti-American feeling," he said, "stems from our insistence that Japan refrain from trade with Red China. Chiang Kai-shek is the most unpopular man in Japan. He stands between the Japanese and the volume of trade they would like to have."

Dr. Brunner said the Bikini experiment also was responsible for some of the anti-American feeling.

### Predict Separation of Church and State in Norway

Oslo—Present trends point toward separation of Church and State in Norway, it was agreed by speakers at the annual meeting here of the Council of Organizations.

The Council is the central cooperative agency of 11 groups affiliated

with the (Lutheran) Church of Norway.

Einar Amdahl, general secretary of the Norwegian Missionary Society, said he does not believe it possible that the bonds between Church and State can long be preserved in this country.

In the discussion that followed, general agreement with this view was expressed.

Tormod Vaagen, general secretary of the Norwegian Lutheran Mission, told the meeting that both the influence of the Bible and general adherence to Biblical teachings are "deteriorating" in Norway.

"If we could combine the British affection for the Bible with our clear teaching of salvation by faith alone, something new might happen in our Church," Mr. Vaagen said.

He also expressed concern over recent bills proposed by the government which, he said, indicate an attempt to "deviate from the old conception that the law of the country shall be in conformity with the law of God as outlined in the Bible."

### 29 Devout Swedish Women Build a Church

Stockholm—The little fishing village of Vallvik, 200 miles north of Stockholm, has a church of its own for the first time in its history—thanks to the efforts of 29 devout women. They have spent more than 1,000 times in the past years to spend an entire evening knitting to raise funds for the church.

Although Vallvik has only a few 1,000 inhabitants, the women have raised more than \$20,000 by selling handicraft and conducting raffles, a series of annual Easter and Christmas bazaars and staging regular drives for donations among the village's saw building and lumbering enterprises.

The church, complete with a meeting hall and a recreation room for seamen, will be formally dedicated this Easter.

But the 29 women have not ceased working. They are continuing to knit three evenings a week to raise an additional \$10,000 needed to equip their church with benches, altarpiece, pulpit, bells and a crucifix.

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Roger Honald of Latimer, Iowa. They are residing on a farm near Latimer.

A long time resident and member of our church passed away February 8. He was Mads Pedersen, age 87. He was born Feb. 7, 1868, in Denmark. In 1889 he was married to Katherine Hansen in Denmark. They came to America in 1891. Mrs. Pedersen passed away in 1947. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hilda Jones of Hampton, Mrs. Walter Hansen and Mrs. Wilbur Beck of Coulter, and one son Clarence Pedersen of Chiefland, Florida. Also two brothers, Jeppe Pedersen of Syracuse, New York, and John Pedersen of Huntington Beach, Calif. Last rites were held in Nazareth Church and burial in the Coulter cemetery.

We are looking forward to a great year in the history of Nazareth with the building of our new church actually getting underway after six years of planning. May God richly bless us in our efforts.

**Dansk Nytaar, 1955**, the Danish language annual published by our publishing house, is now almost sold out in its second edition. New orders have continued to come in almost daily during January and February so there are

now only a few dozen copies left. Several of the leading dailies in Denmark have reprinted articles from **Dansk Nytaar**, e.g., stories by John M. Jensen, Carlo Christensen and Eskild Hauglund.—P.N.

**Pastor Arnfeld C. Morck**, missionary to Colombia, South America, is at present on furlough. He writes to us as follows:

"Mail will reach us until June 1 at 1544 Fulham Street, St. Paul 8, Minn. (Telephone PRior 6374); June 1 to October 27 in care of The Board of Foreign Missions, 422 S. Fifth St., Minneapolis 15, Minn.; after October 27, 1955, Apartado Aereo 49-80, Bogota, Colombia, South America."

**Eugene, Oregon**, H. A. Svendsen, pastor. The Emmaus Lutheran church had a reception for the new members on January 16th at the parish hall. President George Solberg was the toastmaster and welcomed the twenty-four new members. A short speech of invitation was given by the presidents of each organization. Rev. H. A. Svendsen gave a talk and a prayer. The film, *The Way He Should Go*, was shown. The Dorcas Society was in charge of the refreshments. Looking over the annual report, we see that the membership has increased

150%, since Rev. Svendsen has been pastor of our church.

The Emmaus Ladies Aid and Dorcas Society jointly served a banquet the latter part of January for the Gideon Conference of all officers of each local organization of the Gideons throughout the state of Oregon. The ladies were very highly complimented by the Gideons for the preparation of such a lovely banquet, and they were asked if the ladies would serve again for the convention of the Gideons the summer this year.

On February 9th, The Dorcas Society had their Valentine party. Every member brought gifts of either homemade cookies or candies, which were to be given as Valentine gifts to residents of Sunset Home, old folks home at Eugene.

All Lutheran students at the University of Oregon at Eugene were guests of The Emmaus Ladies Aid at a noon day luncheon Wednesday, February 16th, at the Luther House on university campus.

At the meeting of The Lutheran Ministerial Association of our local area it was decided during Lent that pastors of the UELC and the ELC in this city and nearby communities would exchange pulpits for the Sunday evening services during Lent.

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# A LOOKING-GLASS CONFERENCE

By John M. Jensen

The other day I attended a looking-glass conference conducted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in one of its congregations. A visiting pastor outside of the circuit was invited to each congregation. These visiting pastors together with the host pastor and a layman from each congregation met at a central place where they were instructed as to how to conduct such a looking-glass conference in the local congregation. I was invited as a visiting pastor to conduct such a conference in one of the ELC congregations.

I went to this conference with rather strange feelings. I had read the literature sent to me before I went and I thought that the questions were so detailed and the whole thing so difficult, that I feared little could be accomplished. However, as the leader at the central conference explained the whole plan to the host pastors and visiting pastors as well as to the laymen, and as questions were asked, I began to feel that my presence in the congregation in the evening might be of some help and inspiration.

The whole conference is aimed at self-examination. Each congregation is asked to look at itself and see if there are things that might be improved in the congregation. This has something to do both with the present and with the future. In the evening I was with the members of the congregation. We were about 50 or 60 people, men and women, present. We had a dinner which proved a very valuable fellowship because in this way all the different leaders of the organizations got together. Their attention was directed to the same thing—their particular church. A booklet had been given to me, and each member at the dinner table got the booklet. After the dinner we spent forty-five minutes going through this booklet. We took a look at the church. We looked at the worship services in that church. Nearly every question that could be asked pertaining to group worship service was asked and each member present was asked to grade his impression of the worship service conducted, as good, fair, or poor. The questions were not to be answered based on a long deliberation. The purpose was to get their quick impression of their worship services conducted in their church. Next we took a look at the pastor and the church staff. Under this heading we discussed the pastor's salary, necessary expenses, travel allowance to conferences, pensions, secretarial and visitation assistance, and other things that help to make a church program effective.

Then we looked at the church home, the church home in which the congregation is conducting its worship and in which it conducts its Sunday School activities, other meetings. Almost every need was pointed out. Each member had a chance to mark these needs or the provisions for the needs as good, fair, poor or none.

Then we looked at the Christian stewardship. Questions were raised as to the every member presentation of the stewardship program of the congregation. Of course new members were made aware of their responsibility. And questions were also raised as to the benevo-

lent programs of the congregation, about the need of reading the church paper, etc.

Finally we looked at the applied stewardship in finance pertaining to that congregation. Under this heading the members were also asked to grade the work of the congregation under good, fair, poor or none.—How the church council is functioning, how the different committees are working, how the envelopes are being used, how the auxiliaries are contributing to the church, whether they are assisting their church haphazardly or whether they use a central treasurer.

Then we took a look at the congregational expenses for the past year. We had an itemized statement presented to us of the current expenses, what was used for the pastoral ministry and the church staff, what was used for debt retirement, and for other congregational expenses. I informed them as to what had been the average gift per confirmed resident member and also had been the weekly gift per member. But before that each member was asked to give his estimate of what should be an adequate weekly gift to the current and building expenses of their church. It was interesting afterwards to see their estimate was considerably above what they had received the previous year. The same procedure was also used in connection with the synodical budget, the Lutheran World Action, the Lutheran Welfare, and other benevolences. It was also interesting to notice that their suggested weekly contributions would increase the stewardship program of the church considerably. It took about 45 minutes at the dinner table to go through these, and then we adjourned and went up to the church proper where the congregation had been invited. A film was shown, "Looking into the Mirror." This film helped to focus the attention of the different members on the problems before them. Then the booklets were distributed to all the members as well as those who attended the dinner meeting and the visiting pastor conducted the same program in more detail with the whole congregation. It goes without saying that in between certain helpful and stimulating remarks could be made. Then a short stewardship message was delivered by the visiting pastor and the congregation was asked to sign certain commitment cards as to how each member thought he could serve God and His church better in the coming year.

The booklets were handed to the ushers as well as the commitment cards and the pastor and the visiting pastor and two laymen spent an hour afterwards going through them making a report on the basis of the answers turned in. However, all the many questions under the different headings were naturally left to the pastor who, together with his council and the leaders of the church, will be able to see what is the trend and the thinking in the congregation pertaining to its work.

It was a very stimulating and interesting experience for your editor and we think that something like that could be made very effective in our own synod. The literature could no doubt be obtained for a small charge and it certainly could be used just the way it is printed.



## "HE GOT HER IN"

The story is told by a well-known minister how, years ago, one night, when he was just ready to retire, there came a knock at his door; and when he went downstairs he found at the door a poor, wretched, little girl, dripping wet. She had come through the storm and she said, "Are you the minister?"

"Yes," he said, "I am." He was at that time one who had turned away from the simplicity of the Gospel.

"Well, won't you come and get my mother in?"

"Well, I was just about to retire, and besides, it is hardly seemly for me to go out and get your mother in. If she is drunk you can get a policeman to get her in. He has on his oil-skins and is prepared for the storm."

"Oh," she exclaimed, "you don't understand! My mother is not out in the storm; she is not drunk; she is at home and is dying. She is afraid to die; she is afraid she is going to be lost forever, and she wants to go to Heaven and doesn't know how. I told her I would get a minister to get her in."

He asked her where she lived, and she told him of a district so vile that even in the day-time respectable people did not go there without a policeman accompanying them. "Why," he said, "I cannot go down there tonight." Subconsciously he said, "It would be all my reputation is worth to be seen with a girl like this in that district in the middle of the night—no, I cannot go. As the preacher of this great and important church, what would my people think if it should get into the papers?" To the girl he said, "I will tell you what to do. You go down and get the man who is running the Rescue Mission; he will be glad to help you." He felt ashamed as he said it, but thought his reputation had to be maintained.

"He may be a good man," she persisted, "but I don't know him. I told my mother I would get a real minister, and I want you to come and get her in. Come quickly; she's dying!"

"I couldn't stand the challenge in those eyes," the preacher said. "I felt so ashamed and so said to her, 'Very well, I will come.'"

He went upstairs and dressed and put on his great-coat, and then the girl led him down through the city and into the slum district, into an old house, up a

rickety stairway, and along a dark hall, into a little room, and there lay the poor woman.

"I have gotten the preacher of the biggest church in the city," said the girl. "He will get you in. He didn't want to come, but he's come. You tell him what you want and just do what he tells you to do."

The preacher said, relating that incident in a later meeting: "I stood there looking down at that poor anxious face, and thought, 'Whatever will I tell her?' I had been preaching in my church on salvation by ethical culture, by ethical culture, by reformation, and thought, 'I can't tell her about salvation by ethical culture, for there's no time for culture, and besides, she most likely wouldn't know what I meant; I can't tell her about salvation by reformation, for she has gone too far to reform.' Then it came to me. 'Why not tell her what Mother used to tell you? She is dying, and it can't hurt her even though it does her no good.' And, so I said, 'My poor woman, God is very gracious, and the Bible says God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16).

"She said, 'Does it say that in the Bible? My, that ought to help me get in! But, sir, my sins! What about my sins?'

"It was amazing the way the verses came to my mind. The verses I had learned years ago and never used, and said, 'The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin' (I John 1:7).

"'All sin,' she said. Does it really say that the blood will cleanse me from all sin? That ought to get me in."

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief' (I Tim. 1:15).

"'Well,' she said, 'if the chief got in, I can come. Pray for me!'

"I knelt down and prayed for that poor woman and got her in, and while I was getting her in, I got myself in."

Those two poor sinners, the minister and the dying woman of the city were saved together in that little room.

—Immanuel Missionary



## BOOK REVIEWS

number of books come to the editor's desk for review. It goes without saying we cannot review as many as we ought to. We have also a great deal of difficulty in getting men to review our books. Here are several books that deserve short mention.

### GOD BE FOR US

Robert Luccock, Harper Publishing Co., 189 pages, \$2.00.

This is a book of 15 sermons. The author is a well-known pastor. He is associate-editor of the Pulpit Digest. I am sure that the reading of those sermons may stimulate any pastor in his own sermon making. J.M.J.

### THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL

Louis C. Talbot, Van Kampen Press, 234 pages, \$2.50.

The book of Daniel is always interesting, and we have read this book with considerable interest, too. The story of Daniel is well told. Some of the readers have, no doubt, read "Daniel Speaks to the Church," which I translated some years ago. This book is much clearer than the book on review. The very moment you begin to discuss the tribulations in the last times, it is so easy to get into pure speculation. However, anyone who is interested in the book of Daniel, will also like to read the present volume. J.M.J.

### THE FAITH OF JESUS

William Edward Smith, Meador Publishing Co., 697 pages, \$3.00.

Now and then we get books which disgust us. The book before us is of this type. The author pretends to speak of the faith of Jesus, but he denies the teachings of the Christian church down through the ages. He denies the Trinity, he holds that the Christian church is the great whore. He thinks it's absolutely ridiculous to baptize in the name of the Triune God. He even holds that no one in the first two centuries baptized in the name of the Triune God. When you have glanced through a book of this kind, you have the feeling that it was not God that guided the pen and the thinking of the author. We repudiate most of his book.

In reading the book, it is natural that you will find interesting and at times stimulating sentences, but these sentences are stimulating because of the negative aspect of the book. J.M.J.

### BEING EVER GLORIOUS

Paul W. Streufert, Concordia Publishing House, 112 pages, \$1.50.

This is a book of Lenten addresses. There are ten addresses on the glory of Christ from different points of view. We have read a few of them and find them stimulating. Certainly they can be of help to anyone who prepares sermons during Lent. J.M.J.

### FACING THE CROSS

By Stanley D. Schneider, and others, The Wartburg Press, 279 pages, \$2.50.

We are sorry that we did not read this book before today because it is a valuable source book in the preparation of Lenten addresses. It has about 90 different themes and outlines suggested. They are suggested under different headings. Here are the headings: Facing the Cross; God in the Hands of Man; This Is Your War; Seven Crosses of Our Lord; The Faces of Death; This Is God; He Died to Set Us Free; Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled; A Lamb Goes Forth; Passion Pictures; Challenges of His Passion; The Message of the Cross to the Modern World; Little Known People Around the Cross; Days of the Cross.

As I have already stated, this is a source book and I think I need not say any more about it; the headings already mentioned should be sufficient to indicate the scope of the book before you. J.M.J.

### THE VOICE FROM THE CROSS

By Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr., Baker Book House, 71 pages, \$1.50.

This is a fine little book on the seven words of Jesus spoken on the cross. The addresses are stimulating and edifying and they will be of help to anyone who reads them. J.M.J.

### LUTHERAN WORLD MISSIONS

By Andrew S. Burgess, Augsburg Publishing House, 277 pages, \$3.50.

This book is of interest to every pastor and every one who is interested in Lutheran foreign missions. It gives a good resume of what the American Lutheran churches are doing on the foreign field. It gives a short history of what they have been doing, and it also tells you what the situation is at present as far as Lutheran work abroad is concerned. The book is strongly recommended.

### OUR HEARTS REJOICE

By John E. Meyer, Wartburg Press, 175 pages, \$2.00

Now and then questions have been raised as to the Lord's Supper and also who may partake of the Lord's Supper. The present book is very good, because it states very clearly the Lord's Supper is for sinners only. The book has 25 chapters divided into 3 main headings: Searching Preparation; A Joyful Reception; A Dedicated Departure. We can strongly recommend this book to pastors and to all readers.

### ARCHEOLOGY AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

By Merrill F. Unger, Zondervan Publishing House, 339 pages, \$4.95.

Anyone who is interested in Biblical archeology will want to get this book. It treats the problem from several points of view. It is orthodox and Biblical. It certainly helps us trust the revealed Word of God.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Homer Larsen, Editor

## THE MONTH AT DANA

Christian fellowship is one of the ties that bind the students of Dana together. Opportunities for worshipping on the campus are many and varied—mid-morning chapel periods on weekdays, student-conducted chapel services in the evenings, Lutheran Student Association meetings and dormitory devotions once a week, and, of course, informal talks and devotions.

Twice a year, in the fall and in the spring, students and faculty members participate in a program called Spiritual Emphasis Days. Rev. Lloyd Neve, missionary to Japan and graduate student at Union Theological Seminary, New York, was guest speaker for the Spiritual Emphasis Days held this past month, Jan. 30 to Feb. 2.

Rev. Neve spoke at the regular mid-morning chapel services and then again at services every evening. Student-led prayer meetings were held before each evening service. Opportunities for personal visiting and counseling with Rev. Neve were provided between the services.

Rev. Neve presented his topics in a conversational manner, as if he were actually talking with the students. In his talks, Rev. Neve mentioned subjects, important to Christians, which other speakers might have shied away from. Perhaps these facts account for Rev. Neve's appeal to students.

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Members of the Executive Board of the Synodical Luther League met Feb. 15 at Dana to make final plans for the international Luther League convention to be held April 28 to May 1 on the campus. The convention, which is held biennially, has met three times before at Dana. "More than Conquerors," is this year's convention theme.



Members of the Executive Board of the Luther League met recently to plan the International Luther League Convention to be held at Dana College this spring. They are, left to right, seated: Helen Videbeck, Noblesville, Ind., secretary; Rev. George Robertson, Royal, Ia., youth director; Stanley Hansen, Poy Sippi, Wis., treasurer; Rev. LeRoy Andersen, Pewaukee, Wis., president; and Don Olsen, Racine, Wis., vice president.

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Mr. Hans Baer, Omaha, Nebr., has been appointed instructor of piano in the Dana College Music Department. Mr. Baer, who has a piano studio in Omaha, will augment the Dana music faculty on a part time basis.

Born in Berlin, Germany, Mr. Baer studied under Artur Schnabel and directed a conservatory in his native land for fifteen years. He has traveled in Europe on concert tours and spent three years in Italy. After teaching for ten years in Shanghai, China, Mr. Baer with his wife fled from the Communists to the United States in 1949. He is now an American citizen and has been an Omaha resident for six years.

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"February Holidays" was the theme for Open House at the women's dormitory, Friday evening, Feb. 11. A program presented by Dana coeds in the gym preceded the touring of the dormitory by the stu-

dents and faculty members. Friday evening was the climax of a day of busy activity for the girls—washing and ironing curtains and bedspreads so that their rooms would be approved by their male "inspectors."

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Final second semester enrollment figures recently released show a 10.2% increase from second semester of last year. The total enrollment now stands at 237 as compared with last year's second semester total of 215. This final figure includes all late registrants.

While there was the usual increase in enrollment from that of the first semester, the net loss of students from the first semester total of 248 is a decrease of only 4.5. (The preceding is a correction of the figures printed last month.)

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Dana won four out of five basketball games during February. The games and scores were: Feb. 8—Dana vs. Westmar College, Lema, Iowa—69-83 (Westmar's favor); Feb. 12—Dana vs. Luther College, Wahoo, Neb.—91-73; Feb. 18—Dana vs. Tabor College, Kansas—78-66; Feb. 19—Dana vs. Luther College, Iowa—83-79; and Feb. 21—Dana vs. Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa—66-56.

The girls' basketball team earned a rating of second in an invitational tournament held in the Dana gym Jan. 29. Ada Anderson, Westbrook, Me., and Pat McKee, Massena, N.Y., are also members of the team though they were not included in the photograph printed last month.

Plans have been made for a Homer Christian Andersen Festival to be held on the campus April 15. Sponsored jointly by the Dana Chapter of The American-Scandinavian Foundation and the Junior Club, the festival will include choral



trumental music, drama, and an exhibit.

For the first time since the visit the campus of Crown Prince Frederick and Crown Princess In-

grid on April 19, 1939, the Danish flag will fly together with the American flag from the tower of Old Main on April 2, the anniversary of Andersen's birth, and again on April

15, the day of the festival. Guests from several states are expected at this gala event which will be open to the public.

—Merete Nielsen

## THE GANG

By Elizabeth Craig Haynes

The very first thing Binky Wal- noticed when he opened his eyes was that the sun was shining brightly through the window of his room. "It's one grand day," said Binky to himself as he leaped out of bed, "and it ought to be, 'cause this is it! My twelfth birthday."

He pulled on his clothes and raced down the stairs three at a time. When he entered the dining room he was uproariously greeted by the whole family—Mom, Dad, his big brother Tom, his sister and even the baby, singing "Happy Birthday to You." At his place were mysterious looking packages wrapped up in tissue paper.

"Well, folks," grinned Binky as he started to open his gifts, "I see you know a swell guy when you see me. Say, Mom, this nylon shirt is tops, and thanks a lot, Dad, for the nice check. What's this? A check from Aunt Doris too. Boy!"

After Binky had opened all of his packages he said, "This has been swell of you all and I appreciate it more than I can tell you, but I have one more request to make of one of you all."

"Say on, man. Hold us not further in suspense," said Tom leaning forward in exaggerated eagerness.

"Well, folks, I'm going to ask you to allow me to have this all-important day strictly to myself—no errands, no baby-sitting, no chores, no reading the newspaper aloud to the camps, no nothing, but what I want to do for the next twelve hours."

"That's fair enough," said Dad, "You've done more than your share around the place for the last six years and you've got a day-off coming to you."

"Them's my sentiments," agreed Binky, "and here's the program for the day. First, the gang is going for a long, long swim, followed by a picnic lunch at the beach. After lunch we go to Main Street to spend my birthday money for stuff for my bicycle."

"The gang," said Tom with a slow wink at Dad, "Of whom does it consist at the moment?"

Binky ignored the question because the gang actually consisted of himself and his buddy, Snoopy Collins, and was the cause of much kidding by the family.

Just as Binky was helping himself to his third hot cinnamon roll, the telephone rang and Mom went to answer it. She returned to the table looking a bit troubled. "That was Mr. Lester Willis," she said, "Mrs. Willis is being rushed to the hospital for an operation any minute now, and he wanted to know if Gordon could spend the day here and—"

"You surely told him 'no' didn't you, Mom?" inquired Binky anxiously.

"No, son, I didn't. How could I under the circumstances?"

"But Mom," argued Binky in dismay, "He'll be hanging around here all day on my birthday!"

"I'm sorry, dear, but that's the way it is."

"Oh, no, Mom," cried Binky,

"We've got everything all planned out on schedule. He'll spoil it all."

"Listen, son," said Mom quietly, "a Christian's disappointments are God's appointments."

Binky's face flushed and he started thinking fast. He was a Christian and he wanted his life to be lived out of love for the Lord, but this, to happen on his birthday of all days, was pretty hard to take.

As he took his presents to his room Binky was deep in thought. "Our disappointments are God's appointments" kept ringing in his ears. "Well, Lord," he prayed softly, "if my disappointment is your appointment, please help me to keep the appointment as you would want me to. Help me to make Gordon have a nice day."

Soon Gordon, a boy just Binky's age arrived looking pale and worried. When Mom asked him about his mother his lips trembled and his eyes, as he turned quickly away, filled suddenly with tears.

A feeling of pity and sympathy filled Binky's heart. He felt like throwing his arms around Gordon and trying to comfort him but of course he didn't, he just slapped him on the back and said, "We've got a swell day planned, Gordy, something doing every hour on the hour. First swimming, followed by lunch at the beach with one of Mom's chocolate cakes—the whole cake, ain't it Mom?"

Soon Snoopy Collins arrived and the three set off happily for the beach carrying towels, beach balls and a hamper full of, "Just what I

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## BY THE FIRESIDE

### JESUS OF NAZARETH PASSES BY

By Paul H. Conrad

Whom do we seek in our questing for peace,  
Or whom from sin's shame do we ask for release?  
Why miss we the answer so wondrously nigh  
When Jesus of Nazareth passes by?

Why look for easier pathways to tread,  
With no self-denial, no crosses to dread,  
Thus missing the way to that haven on high,  
As Jesus of Nazareth passes by?

His restless advance can nevermore cease;  
Your life is his business, your wealth his increase;  
He pauses to save you, to sup and to sigh—  
Yes, Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

There's healing and cleansing, forgiveness and grace  
In a touch of his hand, or a look from his face;  
Lay hold on his garment with welcoming cry,  
For Jesus of Nazareth passes by!

### DON'T SNUB

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the great inventor, first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches, although it was in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker.

Don't snub anyone; not alone because some day they may outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian.

—Source Unknown.

### ALL MEN CAN

G. K. Chesterton writes:

Carlyle said that men were mostly fools. Christianity, with a surer and more reverent realism, says that they are all fools. This doctrine is sometimes called the doctrine of original sin. It may also be described as the doctrine of the equality of men. But the essential point of it is merely this, that whatever primary and far-reaching moral dangers affect any man, affect all men. All men can be criminals, if tempted; all men can be heroes, if inspired.

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While the adoption of the "work break" plan is not compulsory, it is hoped that each employee will have time to give it a fair trial.

—Chickasha, Okla., Star.

### PAUSE AND CONSIDER . . .

"A philosopher sees less on his tip-toes than a Christian on his knees."

"When it seems hardest to pray, pray hardest."

"Keep your lamp burning, and let God place it where He will."

"We are very apt to be full of ourselves instead of Him that made what we so much value; and, but for Whom we can have no reason to value ourselves."

### HOW TO BE HAPPY

'Tis not change of place, but glorious principles well practiced that establish Heaven in the life and soul. An angel will be happy anywhere and a devil miserable; because the principles of the one are always good of the other, bad. From the center to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills all is Heaven before God, and full of treasure; and he that walks like God in the midst of them, blessed.

—Thomas Trahern

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### DRAWING LOTS

The election clerk asked the voter his name.

"Seven-and-One-Eighth O'Brien," was the surprising answer.

"That's your real name?"

"That's my real name."

"Would you mind explaining how you got it?" the clerk asked him.

"I always explain it," replied Seven-and-One-Eighth O'Brien, good-humoredly. "You see, when I was born, they didn't know what to call me, so they put a lot of names in a hat. And by mistake my father pulled out the size of the hat."

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Professor: "This examination will be conducted on the honor system. Please take seats three apart and in alternate rows."

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A lovesick youth sent his best girl an orchid. The card read: "With all my love and most of my money."

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Doctor: "I'll have to call some other doctors for consultation."

Patient: "Go right ahead. Get as many accomplices as you want."

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### THE GREATER FOOLISHNESS

The fool says in his heart there is no God . . . and yet . . . apart from this small company of honest men, exacting beggars, is there then a greater foolishness in the greater rest-of-us who, saying God exists, forget him in the fuss of living.

—Selected.



**THE GANG**  
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lered," explained Binky as he  
sted the hamper on his shoulder.  
After lunch the boys returned to  
e house to dress and then started  
on their bicycles for Main Street.  
ey made a tour of every dime  
re, every sporting goods and de-  
artment store in town, pausing at  
t infrequent intervals for sodas  
d milkshakes.

"Come on out on the porch," said  
om when they returned to the  
ruse, "and tell me all about your  
y. Did you spend your birthday  
oney, Binky?"

"Sure did," said Binky. "Every  
nt of it."

"Did you get all the gadgets you  
anted for your bicycle?"

"No, not a one," said Binky  
ysteriously, "something better'n  
eat. Want to see it? Show Mom  
that we got, Gordy."

Gordon brought a large suit box  
om the hall and laying it care-  
lly on the swing removed the  
ver. "It's a housecoat for my  
other," he said proudly.

"Yeah," explained Snoopy eagerly.  
we pooled our money and bought  
his instead of a lot of junk."

"We went all over town trying to  
et peach color because I remem-  
ered that was what yours is," said  
Binky.

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"We didn't know how to describe it so we asked the saleslady for one that looked like a bedspread," said Snoopy.

"Is it okay, Mom?" asked Binky anxiously.

"Indeed it is," said Mom. "It's the prettiest one I have ever saw. How perfectly thrilled your mother is going to be when she sees it, Snoopy."

That night when Binky kissed Mom and Dad goodnight he said, "Thanks an awful lot, folks, for a swell birthday. It's the best one I ever had, in fact I can truthfully say this has been the happiest day of my whole life. It was a special appointment day."

"Well, three cheers for the gang," said Tom.

"Oh, yes, that reminds me," continued Binky, "Snoopy and I had a secret meeting and the vote was unanimous in favor of asking Gordon to join the gang."

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Little robin, you've made your nest so firmly round.  
Without a compass I wonder how the circle you have found?  
With care you chose the fork of branches to place your nest.  
How did you know triangular rigidity secures it best?  
Where did you laern the postulate that two points determine a line,  
Which enables you to return each spring to this tree of mine?  
Ah! I hear your song of praise, little singing mathematician,  
Which you in thanks give forth to your Teacher, the Lord of creation.

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Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. S. S.	115.00		30.00		40.00		10.00	35.00
Milktown, Wis., Milktown Luth. S. S., Christmas offering	47.50	47.50						
Tilley, Alberta, Canada, Bethany Luth. Church	100.00		40.00		30.00			30.00
Standard, Alberta, Can., the Dorcas Society	50.00		25.00		25.00			
Red Deer, Alberta, Can., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	174.00		74.00		50.00			50.00
Parlier, Calif., Judy Bertelsen in memory of little Joanne Fountain	5.00	5.00						
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Missionary Society and Ladies Aid in memory of Martin Molback, Downey, Ia.	5.00				5.00			
Flaxton, N. D., Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Christensen	100.00		50.00					50.00
Chicago, Ill., Golgotha Luth. S. S.	15.95	15.95						
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	200.00		80.00		60.00			60.00
Transferred from Home Mission, Special Fund	272.50				272.50			
Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nunn in memory of Mrs. Mary M. Mathison	2.00				2.00			
Los Angeles, Linda Syfrig in memory of Mrs. E. S. Rosenberg	5.00						5.00	
Los Angeles, Calif., Linda Syfrig	10.00							10.00
Los Angeles, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church	300.00		100.00	50.00	75.00			75.00
Montreal, Canada, Ladies A'd of St. Ansgar Luth. Church	10.00							10.00
Greenville, Mich., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church	175.00		75.00		40.00			60.00
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S.	29.93					29.93		
Humboldt, Ia., from friends and relatives in memory of Mrs. Mads J. Madsen of Trinity Church	20.00				20.00			
Minneapolis, Minn., Luth. Bible Institute for Rev. A. R. Petersen	8.33							8.33
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. S. S.	28.00					28.00		
Ferndale, Calif., a member of Our Savior's Luth. Church	25.00							25.00
Ferndale, Calif., in memory of Maren Christiansen: Sonnick Ethel Christiansen \$10, Johanna Christiansen \$2	12.00							12.00
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church	1500.00		400.00	200.00	400.00			500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	170958.79	16430.65	54562.36	15069.23	39679.13	6076.28	1299.46	37841.60

## SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	N.L.C. L.W.A.	Gen. F. and Foreign Mission
Budget for 1954-1955		16000.00	15500.00	10000.00	15000.00			36720.00	
Previously acknowledged	51528.96	13006.04	9766.82	12249.90	13613.98	1214.25	228.26	1076.71	373.00
Estherville, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. James Jensen	5.00							5.00	
Westhy, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Jensen in memory of Ezra Jensen for Dr. Winther, Japan	25.00	25.00							
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane, Luth. Church	51.75							51.75	
Racine, Wis., in memory of Miss Emma Nelsen from Mrs. Sena Smønsen, Miss Sarah Smønsen and Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Smønsen	5.00				5.00				
Spencer, Ia., Inga Skow in memory of Mrs. Jens Peterson	5.00				5.00				
Beresford, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Soren Laustsen in memory of Mrs. Ingeborg Christensen	1.00							1.00	
Sidney, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. John Hundtoft in memory of Karl Hundtoft	10.00	10.00							
Sidney, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hundtoft in memory of father, Karl Hundtoft and grandmother Mrs. Maren Schmidt	10.00		5.00		5.00				
Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	13.69					13.69			
Husar, Alberta, Can., Our Savior's Luth. S. S.	18.96	18.96							
Montreal, Canada, Ladies A'd of St. Ansgar Luth. Church	15.00		7.50	7.50					
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Ladies Aid toward Helen Danielson's salary	35.00		35.00						
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's W.M.S.	40.00		40.00						
Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo W.M.S. for Dr. Winther's work in Japan	15.00	15.00							
Dry Creek, Nebr., the Luth. Homebuilders, Life Membership for Mrs. Christine Lang, Boelus, Nebr.	6.75		6.75						
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Churchwomen, Life Membership for Mrs. Archie Madsen, Fremont, Nebr.	6.75				6.75				
Humboldt, Ia., from friends and relatives of Mrs. Mads J. Madsen of Trinity Church	22.60	6.30							
Minneapolis, Minn., Immanuel Luth. S. S., Christmas offering	15.00	15.00		5.00	5.00				
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. S. S. for Dr. Winther \$50, for Parkjull \$50	100.00	50.00		50.00					
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. S. S.	200.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00				
Eugene, Ore., Mrs. J. E. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Berntzen of Bethesda Church in memory of Mrs. Nellie Goldbeck, Ruskin, Nebr.	5.00			5.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>	52135.46	13196.30	9917.37	12367.40	13690.73	1227.94	228.26	1134.46	373.00

PLEASE NOTE: In a late issue of the papers there was a \$2 gift to the Children's Homes in memory of Mrs. Hannah Hansen, Wapaca, Wis. It should have been in memory of Mrs. Hannah Hansen, Oshkosh, Wis.

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebr., Febr. 28, 1955.

H. J. Hansen, Treas.



## S AND NOTES

(Continued from page 6)  
will be centered on the Pas-  
History: Christ and the Two  
es, Simon Peter, Judas, Pontius  
Herod, the High Priest Cai-

st Canada Bible Camp will be  
as follows: Family week, July 18-  
Luther League week July 24-31.  
Augustana Synod of the area is  
rating. Pastor Ole Larsen is camp  
man.

## FORMATION ON PRESIDENTS OF T BODIES PARTICIPATING IN TIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

**Franklin Clark Fry.** Born Aug-  
D, 1900 at Bethlehem, Pa. Presi-  
of United Lutheran Church in  
rica (2,143,372 members) since  
Current term of two years will  
e in 1956. Has headquarters in  
York City.

**Dr. Fredrik Axel Schiotz.** Born June  
15, 1901 at Chicago, Ill. President of  
Evangelical Lutheran Church (919,840  
members) since September of 1954,  
succeeding Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, who re-  
tired after 29 years in office. Current  
term of six years will expire in 1960.  
Has headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Dr. Henry Frederick Schuh.** Born  
May 30, 1890 at Tacoma, Wash. Presi-  
dent of American Lutheran Church  
(824,535 members) since 1951. Current  
term of six years will expire in 1956.  
Has headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

**Dr. Oscar Algot Benson.** Born April  
7, 1891 at Derry, Pa. President of Au-  
gustana Lutheran Church (499,640  
members) since 1951. Current term of  
four years will expire in 1955. Has  
headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Dr. Thorvald Olsen Burntvedt.** Born  
May 29, 1888 at Kragero, Norway.  
President of Lutheran Free Church  
(65,904 members) since 1930. Current  
term of three years will expire in

1957. Has headquarters in Minneapo-  
lis, Minn.

**Dr. Hans Christian Jersild.** Born  
February 6, 1896 at Gowen, Mich.  
President of United Evangelical Lu-  
theran Church (53,929 members) since  
1950. Current term of three years will  
expire in 1956. Has headquarters in  
Blair, Nebr.

**Dr. John Wargelin.** Born September  
26, 1881 at Ioskyro, Finland. President  
of Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of America or Suomi Synod (31,724  
members) since 1951. Completed four-  
year term in 1954 and is now serving  
as acting president until June of 1955.  
Has headquarters in Hancock, Mich.

**Dr. Alfred Jensen.** Born January 6,  
1893 at Brenderup, Denmark. Presi-  
dent of American Evangelical Luther-  
an Church (21,106 members) since 1936  
and full time president since 1942.  
Current term of two years will expire  
in 1956. Has headquarters in Des  
Moines, Iowa.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### ROLE OF THE SERVANT

Warren W. Slabaugh, Brethren Publishing House,  
pages, \$2.00.

is book is of special interest because it is written  
author who is not a Lutheran but who is a strong  
ver in orthodox Christianity. It has 15 chapters on  
servants of God from several points of view. Any-  
who, during Lent, meditates on Isaiah 53 will be  
ested in this fine book.

### PERSONALITY WE HAVE MISSED

Jacob Tanner, Augsburg Publishing House, 76 pages,

Professor Jacob Tanner needs no introduction. He  
written a number of books and articles which have  
well received. Here you have a book about Jesus  
st, in which he tries to describe the personality of  
Savior as He is revealed in the Bible. We find Him  
ing His friends and His disciples and also facing His  
ies. The book certainly deserves to be read and  
ed by all during this season of Lent.

### HINGES OF DESTINY

By Ralph W. Loew, Muhlenberg Press, 173 pages, \$2.75.

The present volume is a book by a young Lutheran  
pastor. It's a series of 17 sermons in which he places  
before us the important choices a man must make in  
everyday living. The sermons spring from the tensions  
created by the constant need of making choices and the  
lack of will to choose what we know we ought to choose.  
I am sure that pastors and lay people who sit down to  
read those fine sermons will be greatly stimulated.

### COMMENTARY ON THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

By Martin Luther, translated by J. Theodore Mueller,  
Zondervan Publishing House, 207 pages, \$2.95.

Martin Luther has been much discussed and certainly  
his interpretation of scripture will be discussed for cen-  
turies to come. We are therefore happy that a book on  
his commentary to the Romans has been published by  
an orthodox author and professor of Concordia Semin-  
ary, Saint Louis, Missouri. We do not have too much  
of Luther in English, and therefore we are happy for  
everything that appears.

### HERE WAS A FRIEND ONCE SAID TO ME—

By Lorraine Johnson

ere was a friend once said to me  
ere is peace—where can it be?  
ll around is war and woe  
ear has gripped men's hearts we  
ow!"

I told my friend that I knew peace.  
Since Jesus bid my sorrows cease.  
I told him, too, "Tis in God's Word!"  
For this my friend had never heard!

My friend saw light and came to know  
The Prince of Peace whom I love so,  
But!—my eyes with tears were blurred  
To think my friend had never heard!

Yet, in this land of plenty, NOW  
Some still their hearts to idols bow;  
And we who love God's precious Word  
Must reach that friend who never  
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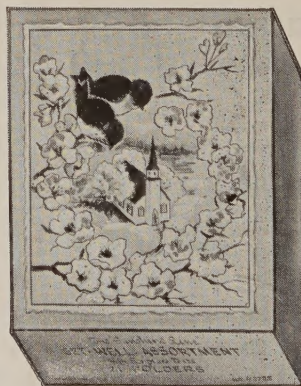
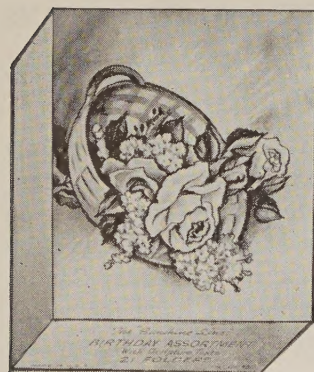
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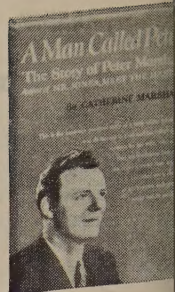
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